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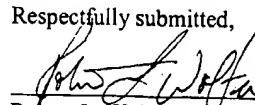
TELEPHONIC CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 6, 2003
AND ATTACHED PROPOSED CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This paper is submitted to confirm the telephonic conference between the undersigned and the Examiner, scheduled for March 6, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. The subject of the telephone conference shall pertain to the rejection of the pending claims based on the prior art as set forth in the Office Action mailed October 29, 2002. In addition, I attach a marked version and clean version of proposed amendments to independent claims 15, 22 and 26. The telephone conference will also include a discussion of the patentability of these proposed amended claims over cited prior art.

I also enclosed a copy of the Petitions for Extension of Time and fees, extending a response time through March 29, 2003.

If you have any questions prior to the telephonic conference, please do not hesitate to contact me at the telephone number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,



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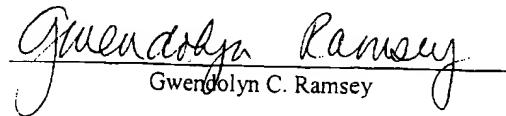
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Amendment is being deposited with the United States Postal Service by facsimile to Steve M. Varner, Examining Attorney, at (703) 305-7687, on this 4 day of March, 2003.



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